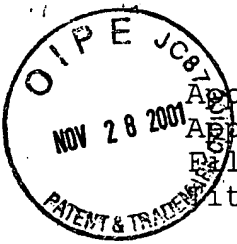


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Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that a one month extension of time, until November 28, 2001, be granted in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 28, 2001. The statutory fee of \$110.00 for the one month extension is attached. Any deficiencies in the extension of time fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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